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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on June 22, 2001 and March 12, 2003, Applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated May 8, 2003 for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 01 10 8055:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,898,824 to KATO et al., issued on April 27, 1999;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,315,403 to HIRAI et al., issued on May 24, 1994;
- (3) French Patent No. 2 656 482, published on June 28, 1991, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-101814, published on April 7, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
  - (5) European Patent Application No. EP 0 782 048 A2, published on July 2, 1997;

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(6) U.S. Patent No. 4,887,165 to SATO et al., issued on December 12, 1989; and

(7) U.S. Patent No. 5,923,439 to TOMIDA et al., issued on July 13, 1999.

The category of relevance claims to which relevant, and pertinent portions of each

of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and

cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been

listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the European Search

Report is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the

appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the

Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm

consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant

application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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